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SUBJECT: MINING EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION

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1. RE REF (A), APPRECIATE USDOC EFFORTS AND UNDERSTAND
REASONS FOR INABILITY RESCHEDULE TRADE MISSION

2. PROPOSED TIMING OF ADVANCE OFFICER SOCKS' VISIT ZAMBIA
POSES QUITE SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR US. AS USDOC AWARE FROM OUR
REPORT ON ELECTRIC POWER TRADE MISSION (A-106 AUG 24, 1973),
EVEN EARLIER PLAN FOR HIS ARRIVAL FIRST WEEK OF APRIL WAS
CUTTING TIME VERY SHORT IN OUR CIRCUMSTANCES HERE.

DIFFICULTY OF MAKING EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS IN SO SHORT
A TIME COMPOUNDED ON THIS OCCASION BY COMPETITIVE
PRESENCE OF SWEDES, WHO EQUALLY AWARE OF OPPORTUNITY IN
GRZ DETERMINATION SHIFT ANNUAL 30 MILLION DOLLARS MINING
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AWAY FROM SOUTH AFRICA AND WHO WILL
BE CALLING ON SAME ZAMBIAN RESOURCES AND ON TIME OF SAME
OFFICIALS AND ENTERPRISES.

3. UNDER OPTIMUM CONDITIONS, PRINTING OF BROCHURES WILL
TAKE SEVERAL DAYS AND MINIMUM OF ONE WEEK REQUIRED FOR
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MAILING TO REACH MOST ADDRESSEES, PROVIDED POSTAL SERVICE

FUNCTIONING AT ITS BEST. TO ASSURE SUCCESS OF MISSION,
CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL DELIVER BROCHURE MATERIAL TO PRINTER
BY MORNING APRIL 6. AT THIS LATE DATE, AIR POUCH DOES NOT
OFFER POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF PROVIDING US WITH BROCHURE
MATERIAL BY THAT TIME.

4. STRONGLY URGE SOCKS READJUST SCHEDULE TO ARRIVE ZAMBIA
EARLY APRIL 5. EMBOFF WILL MEET AT BORDER. AFTER SPENDING
DAY MAKING CALLS IN COPPERBELT, SOCKS AND EMBOFF WILL PROCEED
TO LUSAKA SAME EVENING. FOLLOWING INTERVENING WEEKEND,
APRIL 8 WILL BE SUFFICIENT COMPLETE MISSION ARRANGEMENTS
LUSAKA. FLIGHT TO GABORONE VIA FRANCISTOWN AVAILABLE
NEXT DAY (ETD 0730). (ON APRIL 6 - 7 WEEKEND SOCKS MAY
WISH MAKE TRIP BY AIR TO VICTORIA FALLS AT LIVINGSTONE.
COST 55 DOLLARS PLUS HOTEL.) THIS SCHEDULING WILL ALSO
ELIMINATE TIME WASTAGE OF REF (B) SCHEDULE DUE TO
APRIL 12 AND 15 HOLIDAYS AND IT WILL REMOVE CONFLICT
WITH LONG-PLANNED VISITS OF AGATT-NAIROBI AND OSARAC-
MBABANE APRIL 15 - 19.

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